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SUBJECT: DEATH OF MOHAMMAD ALI BAHRAMI IN U.S.

1. CHIEF OF POLICE AND DEPUTY CORONER CHARLES GLIDEWELL OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA 46140, CONTACTED NEA/IRN TODAY TO REPORT THE DEATH OF AN IRANIAN CITIZEN, MOHAMMAD ALI BAHRAMI, IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AUGUST 15. GLIDEWELL REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE BECAUSE HE FEELS UNEASY ABOUT "LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS" OF IRANIAN CONGEN IN CHICAGO.

2. GLIDEWELL SAID THAT FIRST ORDER OF CONCERN IS THAT REMAINS CANNOT BE KEPT IN MORGUE MORE THAN TWO-THREE DAYS BEFORE EMBALMING OR OTHER ACTION BECOMES NECESSARY. HE IS THEREFORE ANXIOUS FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM FAMILY OF DECEASED FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. GLIDEWELL'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IF 317-462-4476.

3. IN ADDITION TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS, GLIDEWELL NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS. BAHRAMI HAD ONLY THIRTY DOLLARS CASH ON HIM, BUT HAS SAVINGS AND
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CHECKING ACCOUNTS, LIFE INSURANCE, AND ABOUT FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN BUSINESS IN SAN DIEGO.

4. GLIDEWELL ALSO STATED THAT FAMILY MAY WISH TO ENGAGE LAWYER NOT ONLY FOR ESTATE AFFAIRS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OTHER DRIVER WHO WAS DRUNK WAS CLEARLY THE CAUSE OF THE FATAL ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE QUESTIONS

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WOULD NORMALLY ARISE. AFTER SOME HESITATION, GLIDEWELL PROVIDED AT OUR REQUEST NAMES OF THREE REPUTABLE LOCAL LAWYERS, IN CASE FAMILY FEELS URGENT NEED TO RETAIN COUNSEL. THEY ARE: JAMES L. BRAND, 17 E SOUTH ST., GREENFIELD, INDIANA (TEL: 317-462-3455); THOMAS C. BILLINGS, 222 N. STATE ST. (317-462-5577); AND THOMAS C. CONE, SAME ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE AS BILLINGS.

5. BAHRAMI HAS NO FAMILY IN U.S.; NEXT-OF-KIN IN IRAN IS WIFE, FATEMEH BAHRAMI NEE AKHGAR, NUMBER NINE SONBOL ST., KOYE GOLASTAN, ATATORK HIGHWAY, TEHRAN (TEL.: 940-789).

6. BAHRAMI WAS ISSUED B-2 VISA IN TEHRAN ON 10-31-77. HE RECENTLY TRIED TO ADJUST STATUS TO THAT OF INVESTOR, BUT WAS INITIALLY TURNED DOWN BY INS. HIS LAWYER REPORTEDLY WROTE LETTER TO EMBASSY VISA SECTION ON AUGUST 7 CONCERNING THIS.

7. DEPT. REALIZES THAT THIS IS REALLY MATTER FOR GOI TO HANDLE, BUT IN THE INTEREST OF ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL U.S. AUTHORITIES, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PURSUE MATTER WITH FAMILY OR MOFA. VANCE

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